



That time of year

NWMSU student Leo Sierra ponders one of the inevitable problems that occur during pre-registration. The pre-registration process began Nov. 14 in the Student Union Ballroom and will continue through Nov. 16.

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Panel approves parking policy

A recommendation to make two major changes in the present parking policy was approved Monday by the student-faculty traffic committee.

Director of Campus Safety James Cremer, who presented the recommendation to the committee, said the changes will become effective Nov. 30. The entire policy will be outlined in the next issue of the *Missourian*.

"The whole thrust of the new policy is to remove the inequalities of sticker distribution and to remove the inequities of much of the ticketing," Cremer said.

The new proposal will make use of two types of parking permits, the resident permit and the off-campus permit, Cremer said.

As in the present policy, all off-campus lots will remain dedicated to the off-campus students. The change in the policy, however, will come when on-campus lots, now designated by W, C or H, will be open to any student who has purchased an on-campus permit.

"We did this to remove unfair aspects of the present policy and to implement a more responsive program," Cremer said. "But these students must assume responsibility for finding a legal parking space," he said.

Cremer said, with the present policy, there were always an adequate number of spaces, but the problem stemmed from the distribution of stickers for those spaces.

With the new policy, Cremer said there will be plenty of spaces to park. Last week, Cremer added 40 more on-campus spaces in the parking lot behind

the Ad Building closest to the bus barn. Cremer also said he is looking into the possibility of adding another 10 to 50 parking spaces for on-campus students.

"One of the main reasons I have taken this parking situation on as my first priority here is because I have a tremendous amount of faith in the ability of the students to assume responsibility," Cremer said.

The second major change in the parking regulations is the monetary increase in parking-related fines for certain offenses, Cremer said.

In addition, there will be a maximum number of tickets a student can accumulate before he will lose his parking privileges on campus. Five violations will be allowed during the semester, or a total of eight violations in a year.

"Hopefully, this change will provide a motivation for the students to park legally," Cremer said. "And by revoking parking privileges of habitual offenders, we will free more parking spaces for those students who abide by the policy," Cremer said.

Cremer said students who have their parking privileges revoked, but continue to park in campus lots, will have their vehicles towed away.

Printed copies of the new parking policy will be available at the campus parking permit desk during spring verification.

Cremer said the students who were issued off-campus stickers, but who are living on campus, should contact him to arrange for a sticker exchange.

Campus to become holiday home

Holiday brings no joy for foreign students

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

As the Thanksgiving recess nears, the majority of Northwest's students probably can't wait to get home to see their families and enjoy Thursday's special feast. But NWMSU will probably house a small minority of students during the vacation who can only wish that they could share a similar experience—the foreign students.

There are approximately 142 students from 28 nations who attend the University, said Richard Landes, foreign student advisor.

Obviously, a five-day break is not long enough for foreign students to travel home—even if the students could afford such a trip, Landes said. And even during Christmas vacation, few

foreign students go home to visit, he said.

During school vacations, many of the students travel within the U.S., Landes said. This year, several students are visiting Chicago, Ill., in conjunction with the University Art Club's chartered trip. Others tour the states with their friends, he said.

"I'm not so worried about the off-campus students during holidays, because they have somewhere to go," Landes said. "My major concern is for the on-campus students."

"The bad part about these vacations is that the students who plan to stay on campus have to move over to Wilson Hall," Landes said.

During this year's Thanksgiving vacation, those students who move to Wilson Hall, one of the men's older

dormitories, will stay five evenings and be charged \$2 per night. They must also provide for their own meals as the University's food service will not be operating.

"It's just not a pleasant thing at all," Landes said. "An ideal situation would be for the students to go home with someone."

Landes said he plans to meet with Bruce Wake, housing director, and the dorm R.A. staff this week. There, Landes said, he will ask Wake and the dorm staff to become involved in a search for host families.

"Ideally, I would like to have a host family per each foreign student—but I can't manage it through my office," Landes said.

"There are, however, 11 students in the intensive English program who

I would like to find places for during the Thanksgiving recess," Landes said.

During Christmas vacation, there are two programs available for foreign students, Landes said.

Both Friendship International House and Christmas International House provide an opportunity for international students to stay in host family homes or church dorms in over 45 cities throughout the U.S. The student must pay transportation costs, but the rest of the program is free.

"They are both excellent cross-cultural experiences," Landes said.

Each year, the number of foreign students who stay on campus during the Thanksgiving holiday varies, Wake said.

"Some years we've had none. While

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Worth County issue fails

Courthouse closes doors

By Randy Poe
Staff Writer

Worth County voters defeated a 50-cent-per-\$100 assessed valuation property tax issue Nov. 7 that forced the closing of the county courthouse on Nov. 9 in Grant City.

"I really never thought it would come to this," Larry Thompson, county clerk of Worth County, said. "I don't think that the voters are really aware that there is a problem."

The proposal won the vote of 60 percent of the county, but it took a two-thirds majority to pass the tax.

"We only have \$9,000 left in our funds, and most of that will go to pay off the election," Thompson said.

It was a quiet day Nov. 9 in the courthouse, but the community would come and go in a moderate fashion, buying hunting licenses or deciding where they would move next.

Most officials are setting up small offices in rented rooms around the square or taking up business in their homes.

"I've been so busy, I don't even have a place to move yet," Thompson said. "We do have Monday off, so that is really a plus for us. We can have more time to get ready and try to keep things going."

The county is not left without law enforcement, however.

"The state is sending up a car and will resume the cost of our sheriff's department until January," Thompson said.

But, until Thompson gets an office in working condition, the people of the county wanting deer tags or hunting licenses will have to go elsewhere.

"I do have a man in Sheridan who is able to give out licenses and deer tags," he said.

Worth County officials expect to be back in the courthouse after the first of the year, if everything goes as expected.

"We will set up offices around town, until the first of the year rolls around," William Maxwell, circuit clerk, said.

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Carter orders deportation

Iranians still hold hostages

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

Hoping to dampen Iranian student demonstrations out of fear for the safety of the 60 American hostages in Iran, President Jimmy Carter has ordered the Justice Department to deport Iranian students who have violated the terms of their entry visas.

The Iranian students in the U.S. will have to prove that they are enrolled as full-time students and have not committed violent crimes.

A Justice Department official said Sunday that deportation of Iranian students who are in the U.S. illegally will not begin until December at the earliest.

At NWMSU, there are 40 Iranian students, said Richard Landes, University foreign student advisor.

"As far as we're concerned, the 40 Iranian students are attending full-time and there are no violations," Landes said.

Presently, Landes is waiting for detailed visa information from the immigration office in Kansas City.

"I've had three students stop in today and ask me what they should be doing about this," Landes said Wednesday. "But I tell them we can't do anything until I hear from the office in Kansas City."

Landes said the students will probably have to travel to Kansas City

and present their passports to the officials.

Special immigration offices are being set up at Missouri's colleges and universities which have more than 50 Iranian students.

Landes said he thinks the deportation action is a gradual step in eliminating all Iranian students from the U.S.

"At this time, I don't foresee any normal relations with Iran," he said. "I see the future of Iranian students in the U.S. as very bleak. It is my personal opinion that we can't have students here in the U.S. from a country we have no diplomatic relations with," he said.

The 40 Iranian students attending NWMSU have differing views concerning the embassy seizure in Tehran, Landes said.

"We have three factions on this campus," he said. "Those who support Ayatollah, those who do not support Ayatollah and who did not support the Shah. And, thirdly, those who are on the extreme left."

Nahid Zardkoobi, a junior who transferred to NWMSU last spring, believes her country is justified in holding the Americans hostage.

"Carter promised the Iranians he wouldn't support Shah," she said. She said that, by letting the Shah stay in the U.S., the American government doesn't want to be friends with Iran.

"They say he (Shah) is sick, but I

don't believe it," Zardkoobi said. "Maybe this way we can make Carter give us Shah."

However, Zardkoobi and Shokat Gorjiyan, another NWMSU Iranian student, differ about the possibilities of the 60 Americans held hostage being killed.

"I don't think they're going to kill them," Zardkoobi said. "My people would be satisfied if they (U.S.) would send Shah over."

But Gorjiyan disagrees. "If they don't send the Shah back, I think they will," she said.

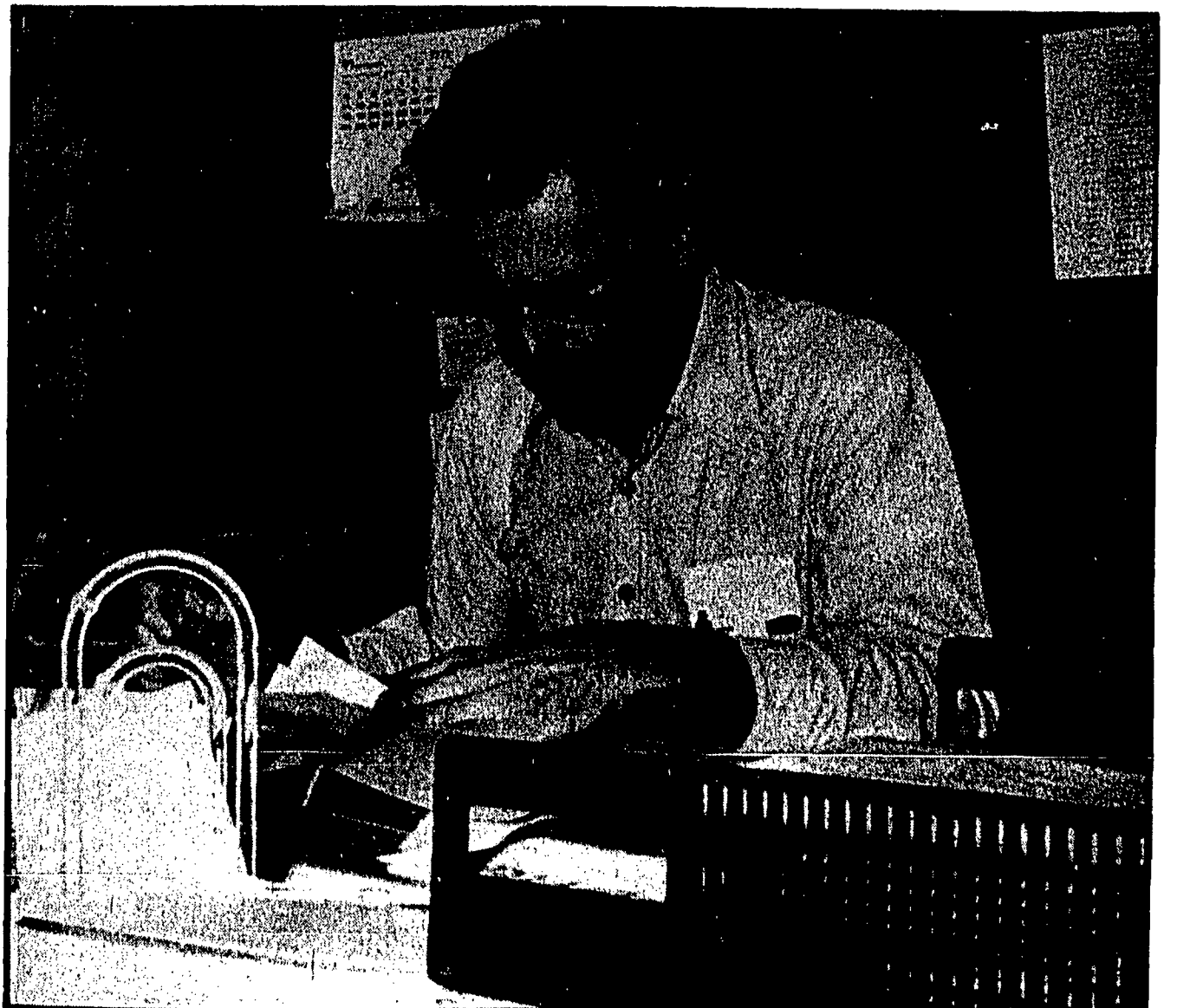
"The Shah is one person. Is one person important for Carter or 62 persons?" she asks.

"Shah is just one, and they should send Shah back," Zardkoobi said.

Landes said he is not aware of any disturbances involving the NWMSU Iranian students and other students on campus.

"I'll have to admit, so far I'm pleased with the report," Landes said. "One has to realize the kids that are here have no responsibility for events happening in Iran. I see many American students angered at their government for not doing something and trying to take the situation upon themselves. But most of these Iranian students are just victims of circumstance," he said.

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Richard Landes, NWMSU foreign student advisor, works in his Caulfield Hall office. Landes said that people should realize Iranian students here are not responsible for events in

Iran. He also said he wasn't aware of any incidents involving the Iranians and other students.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Hearing for honors program to be held

Hearings will be held Nov. 15 and 16 for public discussion as a final step for a proposal for an honors program at NWMSU. The hearings will be held in the Upper Lakeview Room of the Student Union from 4-5 p.m.

"Bowl for Breath" to begin Nov. 16

"Bowl for Breath to Beat Cystic Fibrosis" will begin at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 in the games room of the Student Union. Various bowling alleys in the Kansas City area are sponsoring fund-raising bowling tournaments for the Heart of America Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Bowlers will be competing for prizes such as a one-week trip for three to Disney World, a Panasonic color T.V. and an Angel Moped.

Slater to speak on Public Relations

NWMSU's student organization of Pro P.R. will sponsor Robert Slater, director of Corporate Communications of St. Joseph Light and Power Company, Nov. 15, who will speak on Corporate Public Relations. The lecture will be at 7 p.m. in the Sycamore Room of the Student Union and is open to the public.

Dance Marathon to start Nov. 16

The third annual dance marathon will launch at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 in Lamkin gym for the 26-hour muscular dystrophy fund raiser.

The event is sponsored by Millikan Hall residents and is co-directed by Sarah Sheets and Barb Peterson.

Dr. Fry to attend convention in St. Louis

Dr. Carrol Fry, chairman of the department of English, will be attending the convention of the Missouri Association of Teachers of English in St. Louis as a member of the Association's Board of Directors Nov. 15 and 16.

NWMSU forensic team wins tournament

NWMSU's forensics team captured the championship at last weekend's 12-team William Jewell College Forensics Tournament.

Coach Jim Leu's varsity debaters will compete in the Wichita State University Invitational Nov. 18-20.

Applications available Nov. 26

Applications for Social Security Claims Representative positions throughout the U.S. will be open Nov. 26 through December 3, said Donald K. Carlile, director of placement at NWMSU.

Larry Schreck, of the Maryville Social Security office, will be on campus Nov. 28 between 3 and 5 p.m. to answer questions about these employment opportunities. He will be available in the Oak Room of the Union.

Applications are available in the University's Career/Placement Center in the Oak Room of the Union.

Annual hospitality day to be Nov. 17

NWMSU's department of Home Economics will host its annual Hospitality Day Nov. 17.

Registration for the day will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Home Management House. The test, program, lunch and scholarship awards will be conducted in the Ballroom of the Student Union.

Organizational meeting slated for Nov. 26

A meeting will be held to establish an organization for all students interested in nursing at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 26. All students are invited.

Craig named editor of newsletter

Robert Craig, assistant professor of speech at NWMSU, has been named editor of STAM Newsletter, the official publication of the Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri.

Food contract may be opened to bids

By Don Reed
Staff Writer

The food contract for NWMSU now held by SAGA will probably go out to open bidding at the end of this year.

Robert Smith, director of SAGA, said it is normal for state institutions to set their contract out to bid after three years. SAGA is in its third year at

NWMSU, after getting the contract by bid in 1977 and renegotiating it for the next two years.

"Some schools have the option not to go out to bid," said Smith. "I don't know whether this school has that option."

The open bidding on state contracts is a safety feature to make sure the state will get the best contract possible.

If the contract does go out to bid, specific regulations for the contract will be set up by the University and the best bid will get the job.

Smith said President Owens will probably make the decision on whether or not to send the contract to open bidding.

If it does not go to open bidding, the University and SAGA will meet to iron out any problems and renegotiate the present contract.

Smith said the returns from a questionnaire sent to administrative personnel at the beginning of each year have been positive and the administration has been happy with what SAGA is doing.

Another way SAGA has been trying to give the University good service is through food committees. One committee in the Union cafeteria and one in the High Rise cafeteria composed of students and SAGA representatives meet no less than once a month to discuss the food service. Smith said the meetings are for voicing complaints, compliments and to generate ideas to improve food service.

"As long as we feel we're being responsive and as long as students do, we have a winner," Smith said.

He said that he hopes to know whether the contract will go to bid or not by Christmas.

Nine telephones vandalized in Phillips during weekend

All but two of the telephones on floors two through seven in Phillips Hall were vandalized early Sunday morning.

The receivers on nine phones were cut off and scattered throughout the dorm and were discovered Sunday morning.

James Cremer, head of Campus Safety, said the matter is pending investigation.

"This is one of the most flagrant examples of inconsiderate behavior that I've seen in the two months since I've been on campus," he said. "The total disregard for other people shown by this act is really quite intolerable."

Cremer refused to comment on what his department is doing about the apprehension of the vandal but said that he would appreciate some assistance from the student body if anyone has any

information concerning the damage to the phones.

"The phones are more than a convenience; they're a necessity," Cremer said. "Someone went out of his way to do this."

The phones will be out of service for an undetermined period of time. Jay Carlson, sixth floor RA, said the Phillips Hall staff held a special meeting Sunday night to discuss the problem and what they will do about it.

"There was no reason for the vandalism. It's really an inconvenience," third floor resident Tony Moles said.

One phone on fifth floor and one on sixth are the only working phones. No calls are being transferred to those phones except long distance.

Graduate degree program granted to math department

By Debbie Garrett
Staff Writer

A new graduate degree program was granted to the Division of Mathematics and Computer Sciences at NWMSU last week.

The Master of Science in School Computer Studies had been designed for secondary school and junior college teachers.

It was set up to help develop computer science programs in their schools, to serve as resource people and to teach elementary courses in computer science, Dr. Morton Kenner, division head of Mathematics and Computer Science, said.

The 32-hour program will be put into effect next summer.

Kenner said that the master's degree program is unique in the state of Missouri.

"There are few if any similar programs in the U.S.," he said.

"This is a needed program in the state," Kenner said. "We like to feel that we're leading the pack in offering it."

Dr. Merry McDonald and Dr. Michael Mucciola, associate professors in mathematical sciences, will be the graduate faculty advisors to students in the program.

Mucciola, in his first year at NWMSU, was involved in a similar program at the Western Australia Institute for the last three years.

Other faculty members involved in the program are associate professors Dr. Wayne Amsbury, Dr. Gary

McDonald, Dr. Kendall McDonald and Dr. Jon Rickman.

Dr. Kenner said that the program is designed for students who want to teach computer science and who did not take many courses in computer science as undergraduates. It is especially beneficial to teachers in mathematics, industrial arts and business, but not limited just to these areas.

The ability to offer such a program was established by the fact that we have the available hardware," Kenner said.

NWMSU students may use a PDP 11/70 computer, a VAX 11/780 computer and an AMDAHL 470V7 and an IBM 3031.

"We're fairly confident about enrollment," Kenner said. "A lot of secondary schools and junior colleges are planning to offer courses in computer science."

A survey was conducted last spring to determine enrollment for the program. From this, 25 full-time students plan to enroll the first year, with 45 and 50 for the following years.

Also indicated in the survey was that many teachers would prefer to take only individual courses rather than all of them, increasing the enrollment in individual classes.

Responses from 294 administrators and 285 teachers were gained. Of these responses, a majority of administrators now have or plan to have access to a computer for academic use within the next five years.

Courthouse

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"We might not be able to move back in the courthouse even in January," Thompson said. "If we don't have enough money appropriated for utilities, we will just have to wait until spring."

A number of students at NWMSU are from Worth County, and one student, who wanted her name withheld, believes that the tax failed because the farmers in their area would be assessed too much in comparison to that of the businessmen or teachers that don't own a lot of land.

Regardless of the reason for the defeat of the tax, the county services will be spread thin for at least two months and there is no indication that the tax will pass in the next election. But, until January, the officials will not be going to the courthouse for records, receipts and other things. They'll be going to their temporary offices around the square of Grant City.

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9:00 Tuesday	Monday, Dec. 10, 7:30 a.m.
11:00 Monday	10:00 a.m.
2:00 Monday	1:00 p.m.
9:00 Monday	3:30 p.m.
Eng. 220 and Sp. 220	7:00 p.m.

3:00 Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7:30 a.m.
3:00 Monday	10:00 a.m.
Pol. Sc. 102	1:00 p.m.
12:00 Monday	3:30 p.m.
Hist. 151	7:00 p.m.

10:00 Monday	Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 a.m.
8:00 Monday	10:00 a.m.
1:00 Monday	1:00 p.m.
12:00 Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
Biology 102	7:00 p.m.

Chem. 113	Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:30 a.m.
8:00 Tuesday	10:00 a.m.
4:00 Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
10:00 Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
Sp. 101	7:00 p.m.

11:00 Tuesday	Friday, Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m.
1:00 Tuesday	10:00 a.m.
2:00 Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
4:00 Monday	3:30 p.m.

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Viewpoint

Leave the negotiating to the government

Frustrated by the seizure of the American embassy in Tehran, many Americans across the country have been demonstrating against the Iranian action.

In the past week, those Americans have set fire to Iranian flags and many have marched through U.S. streets shouting "down with Khomeini." A few overly-frustrated Americans have even threatened and physically abused some Iranian students who are in the U.S.

Similar demonstrations have hit the Midwest. At Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, several American students demonstrated their anger toward the embassy seizure by burning an Iranian flag. At Pittsburg State University in southeast Kansas, an Iranian student was physically beaten by an angered, masked American. Similar demonstrations occurred Tuesday at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

But, James Cremer, campus safety director at NWMSU, said there have been no demonstrations and no forms of physical violence or face-to-face

confrontations reported between NWMSU Americans and the 40 Iranian students in Maryville.

At this point, the demonstrations are not needed in the U.S. The demonstrations may lead to violence which might jeopardize negotiations between the U.S. and the students in Iran who are holding the 60 hostages.

What's important right now is for the frustrated Americans to support their government in the negotiation process. American analysts have predicted that days and perhaps weeks will pass before the hostages are dealt with.

If the U.S. citizens support and have faith in their government, the impact on Khomeini may be much greater in days to come than the violent demonstrations.

NWMSU students should continue to stay calm and let their University administrators deal with any problems affecting the Iranian students on this campus.

Suzie Zillner/Editor

Reduction needed to save county courthouse

The Worth County courthouse closed Nov. 9 due to the failing of an assessed valuation property tax to keep the courthouse in operation.

Worth County voters defeated a 50-cent-per-\$100 property tax in a Nov. 7 election that needed a two thirds majority to pass.

The big question now, however, is why people in the county would vote down such a tax when they knew what the outcome would be if it failed. It has been blamed on the controversial consolidation of Sheridan and Grant City schools. It has been said that the voters just didn't think the problem existed. But what hasn't been said is that the majority of the voters, the farmers, were dead set against it.

One Worth County farmer, who didn't want his name mentioned, said his school tax alone is a very large amount over that of the people who live in town, or those people who don't own much land. The tax was, in fact, an assessed valuation property tax, and who owns more land than the farmers do?

Worth County, as most counties in the area, are farm-oriented. Farmers are the ones who pay property taxes.

Worth County officials will set up offices around the square and in their homes to keep in operation. If the county is broke, where will this money for rent, heat and water come from? The taxpayers will be the ones, the farmers said.

"Why not keep the courthouse open, it would not cost any more than renting out offices," he said.

Consolidation with other counties has been said to be one solution to the current problem. But, other counties are turning away from Worth, he said. One reason is that the road system in Worth isn't quite up to par and that much money would have to be spent to improve its present status by other counties.

What lies ahead for the officials of Worth County is to tighten their belts until next year, he said.

Randy Poe/Staff Writer

Turmoil continues in Tehran

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Zardkoobi said she has experienced no problems so far.

"Some girls on our floor came to us and said they agreed," she said. However, she said some Iranian men on campus have had some minor problems. The only disturbances in the dorms so far include water being thrown under the doors of Iranian students and messages written on their doors in shaving cream.

Gorjiyan agrees that only small problems exist now between the U.S. students and the Iranian students.

"This place is cooler now than other universities," Gorjiyan said. Gorjiyan, a junior, is in her first semester at Northwest.

Landes said two NWMSU Iranian students withdrew from the University Nov. 7.

"They gave reasons for their withdrawals as personal, so I didn't pursue the question," Landes said. "However, I strongly suspect it was related to these incidences. My guess is that the two overreacted to the situation," he said.

Landes said the two students will be in direct violation with the student visa

code. Landes said he has alerted the immigration office in Kansas City of the students' withdrawals from NWMSU.

He said the two students gave no indication of their future plans. Even if they are located, he said their deportation would be a difficult and lengthy ordeal because of the appeal process to which they are entitled.

But Carter's order to deport Iranians violating their entry visas, as well as other U.S. officials calling for Iranian students in the U.S. to be sent back to Iran, does not bother Zardkoobi.

"Why are we here? Because there are not enough universities back home," she said. "He (Shah) didn't want people to get educated--70 percent are uneducated. We don't want to be here. There's no place like home," she said.

"Personally, if they're going to deport me, I don't care," Zardkoobi said. "He (Carter) can't scare us. We don't care."

As foreign student advisor, Landes said he has not talked to any of the Iranian students any more often since the turmoil in Tehran began.

"Actually, I've probably seen them less," Landes said.

Landes said there are more Iranian

students in the U.S. than students from any other nation. These Iranians come to the U.S. because their educational system in Iran is structured in such a way that few students are able to attain admission, he said.

"There's just not enough room for them in Iran, so they come to this country," Landes said.

As of Wednesday afternoon, James Cremer, director of campus safety, had received no reports of any physical violence or face-to-face confrontations between the Iranian students and American students on the campus.

"I think they've used a great deal of intelligence in dealing with their emotions," Cremer said about the students' behavior.

"We're prepared for any event that might arise. However, I have faith in the University and community and believe that reason will prevail," he said.

Cremer said if any violence broke out on the campus, the Maryville police would probably be called in to help restore peace.

"Right now, we've just handled this business as another issue that comes across one's desk in the course of the day," Cremer said. "We are extremely concerned, but we're not overreacting, either."

the situation.

Right now, Landes said, the Iranian students in the U.S. are entitled to the same privileges and rights as anyone else.

"They are just going about their business the way they've always done before," Landes said.

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other times we've had about 10," he said. Last year, Wake said he thought eight students stayed in Wilson Hall.

As of Monday, no foreign students had signed up to stay in Wilson during the holiday break, Wake said. This week, however, Landes is distributing a newsletter to his foreign students, advising them of their options during the vacation.

"At that time, most of the students will decide where to stay during the break," Landes said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

This is in regard to students who constantly complain about the SAGA food service in the cafeteria, yet make no effort to let their feelings be known to anyone except those sitting around them.

A very simple incident proved to me that at least one person in the cafeteria is listening to the students.

For lunch one day they were serving those cheese curls, which were as usual--stale. I asked a man passing by if he was the manager and he said that he was. I asked him to taste the cheese curls and after doing so, he apologized and went to the cafeteria line and pulled the item off. He also returned to our table with a plateful of fresh potatoe chips.

Although this may not be a big deal to some, it did show me that someone from SAGA is not only listening--but willing to act on student complaints.

So instead of complaining to your friends or suffering in silence, take your food gripes to the cafeteria management. Maybe something productive will come out of it.

Tony Moles

Editor:

Don't people have respect for other people's property anymore?

When three spotlights were taken from the Perrin House Dec during Homecoming, I overlooked it as a prank, but when four new tires are stolen off of someone's car, I can no

longer classify such a maneuver as a prank.

I wonder if whoever took the tires has realized that the owner will have to purchase another new set because they took the ones the owner had already purchased.

I used to trust my fellowman, but now, when I leave my dorm room, I check to see that my door is locked. I can't afford to replace everything in my room, and I don't think the girl who got her tires stolen should be put in the position where she has to replace them even if she can afford the expense.

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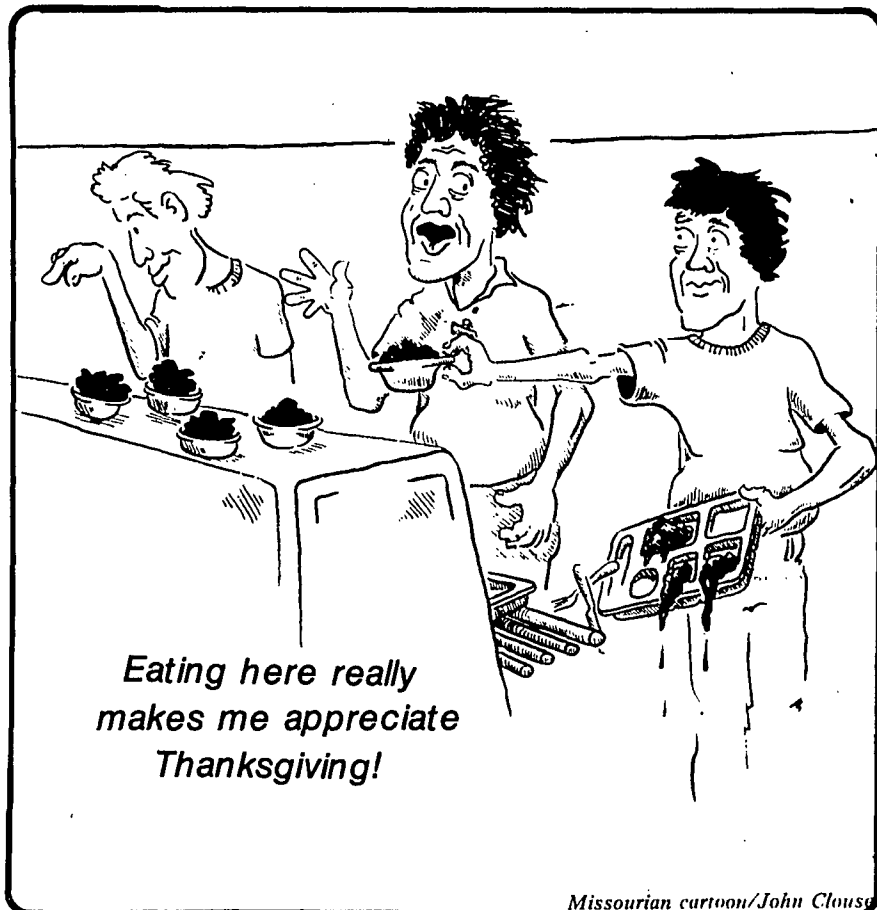
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Diane Guill

Editor:

Only one thing can be said regarding the letter submitted by Brooks Christensen and I direct that one thing to Brooks himself: YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING, BROOKS.

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Sincerely,
Ben Holder



Eating here really makes me appreciate Thanksgiving!

Missourian cartoon/John Clouse

There will be no Missourian Nov. 23.

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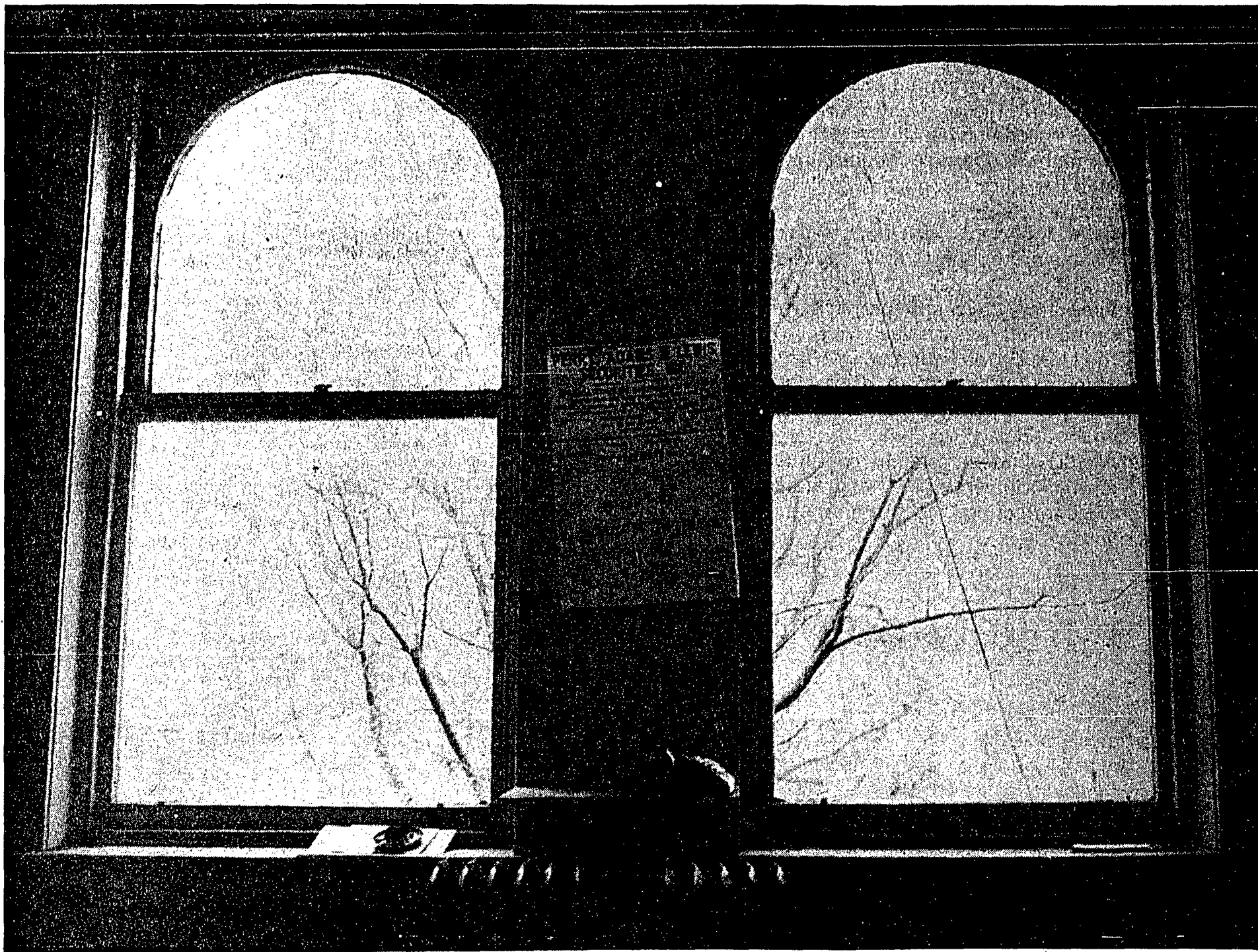
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Worth County in the red

Money troubles close courthouse



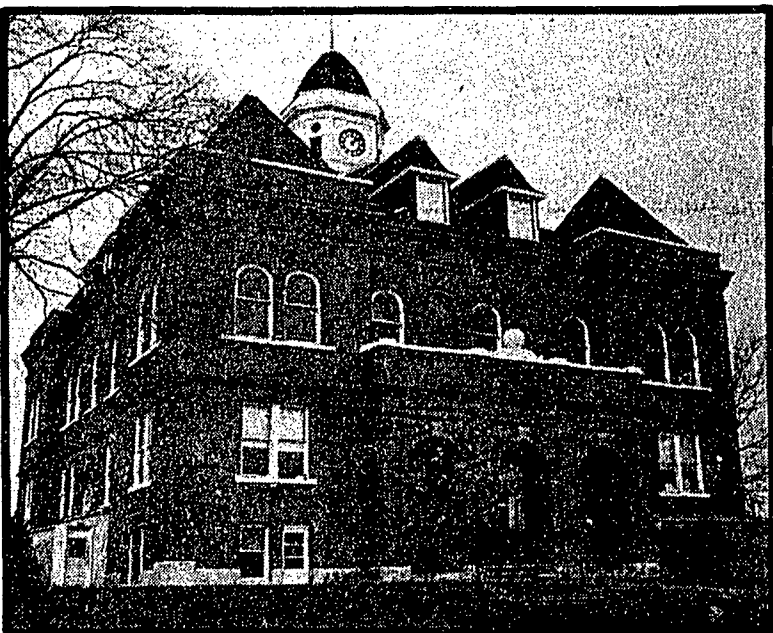
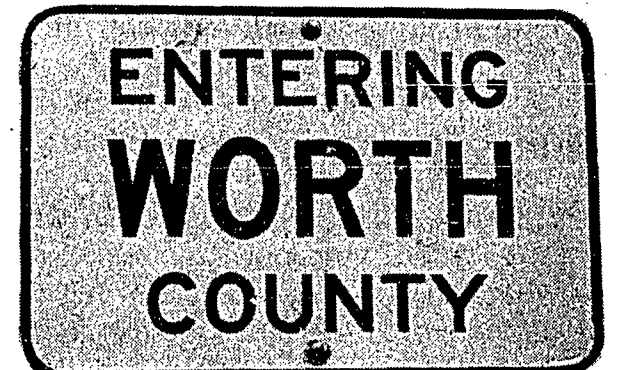
Years of financial difficulties reached a sad conclusion last Friday when Worth County reached the bottom of its barrel of operating funds.

Workers at the courthouse in Grant City, 35 miles east of Maryville, carried out the last vestiges of the administrative offices that had been housed there for over 80 years. The doors were locked, power cut off and the furnace shut down as Worth became the first Missouri county ever to go broke.

Voters had turned down a third try at an increase in the county tax levy that would have provided the additional revenue to operate the rest of this year. The state stepped in to provide funds for the Sheriff's department so that law enforcement could be maintained, but several county workers were laid off indefinitely. Elected officials faced the prospect of not being paid for the last two months of the year until January, or later.

Because of state laws that require them to maintain an office even if the county can't provide it, many officials were forced to move their offices to their homes or to hastily rented space around the town square. The county recorder's office, where thousands of births had been recorded and marriage licenses issued, was moved to an unused storefront just across the street from the courthouse. County court clerk Larry Thompson had yet to find a place for his office and faced a weekend of searching for a place to store his many volumes of county records, some dating back to the county's incorporation in 1861.

County officials hope to reopen the courthouse for business in January, counting on yet another try for the levy increase to pass in March, to prevent the same occurrence from happening next year. Meanwhile, the last few thousand dollars of this year's budget went to pay the bills from the last, unsuccessful levy election that had sealed the old building's fate.



Above: A desolate scene in the Worth County courthouse. All that was left in the county Sheriff's office was a disconnected phone and a half-full ashtray.

Left: The courthouse, on the square in Grant City, was built at the turn of the century and has been the center of county government since then.

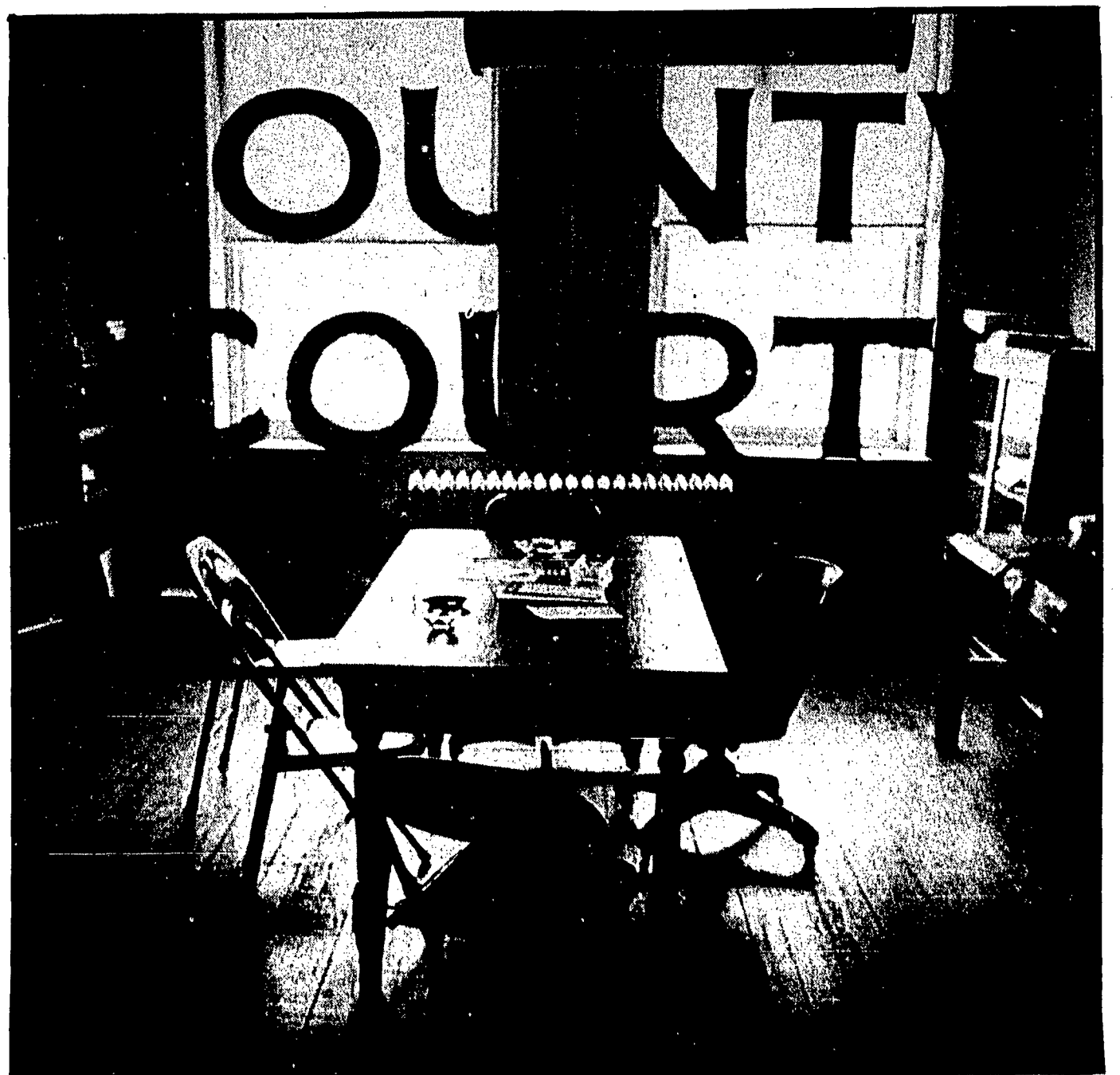
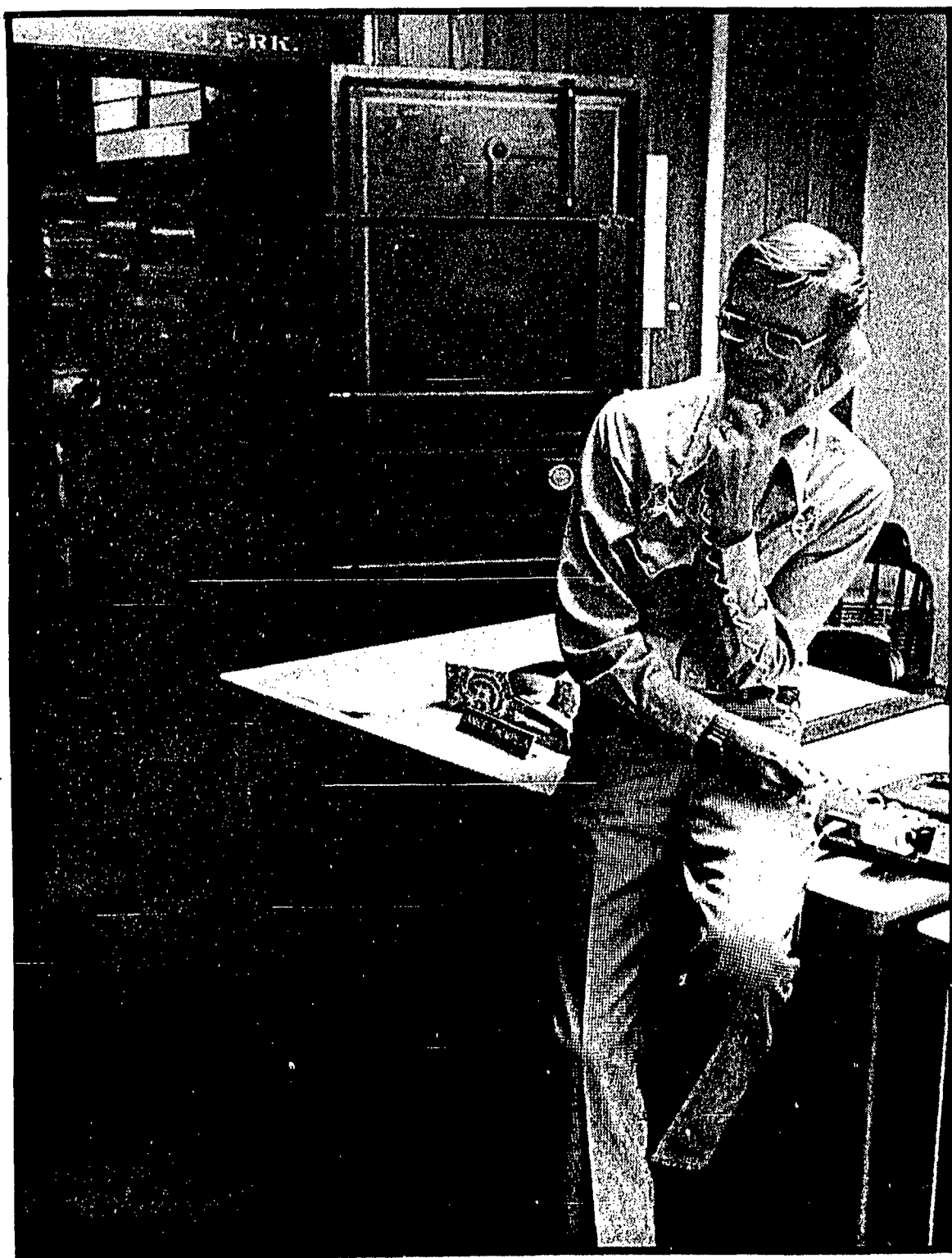
Right: A county resident purchases a deer tag at the county clerk's office on the last day the courthouse was open. Hunting and fishing licenses are only available now in Sheridan, 10 miles to the west.

Bottom left: County Court Clerk Larry Thompson takes a phone call on his last day in his courthouse office. Thompson said he wished his phone would have been disconnected "long ago." He was beset by phone calls from newspapers as far away as New York.

Bottom right: The County Court meeting room sits empty, as it will for at least two months until the new year brings a new budget that will allow the county to reopen the building.

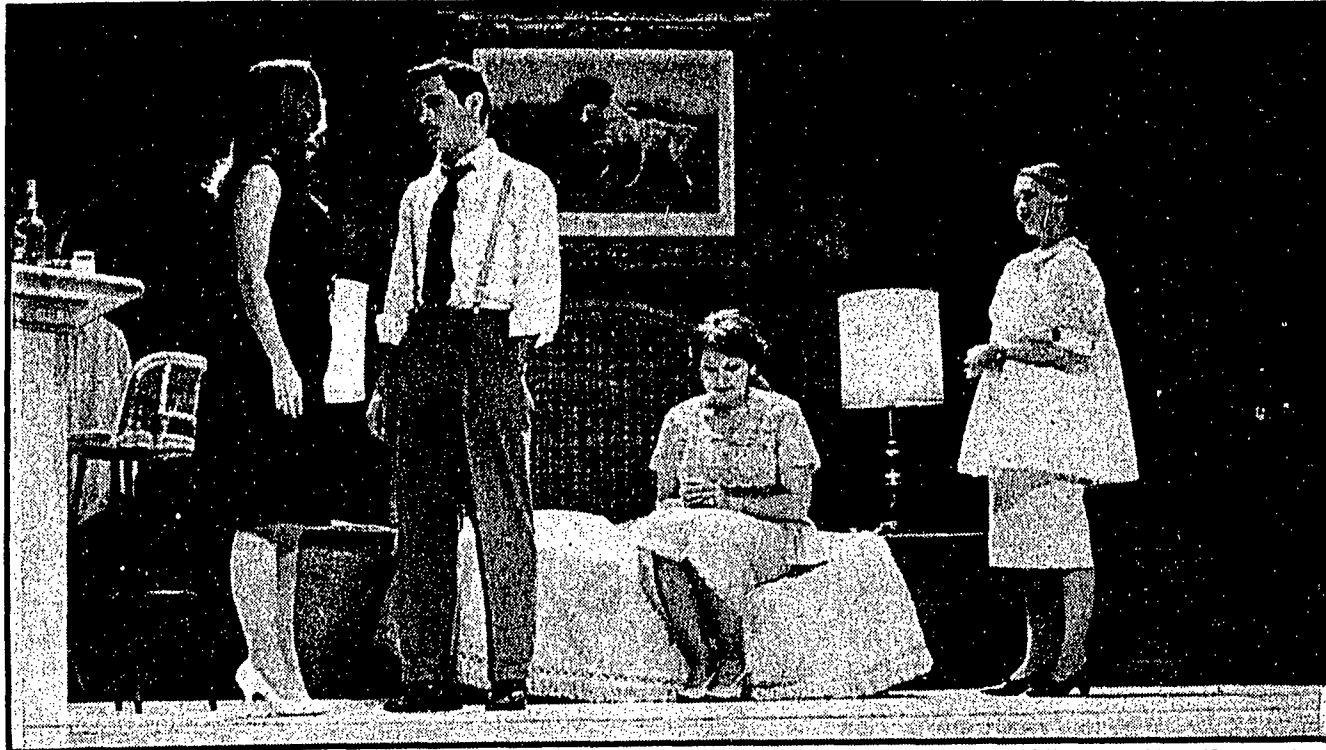


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'Scenes of life'

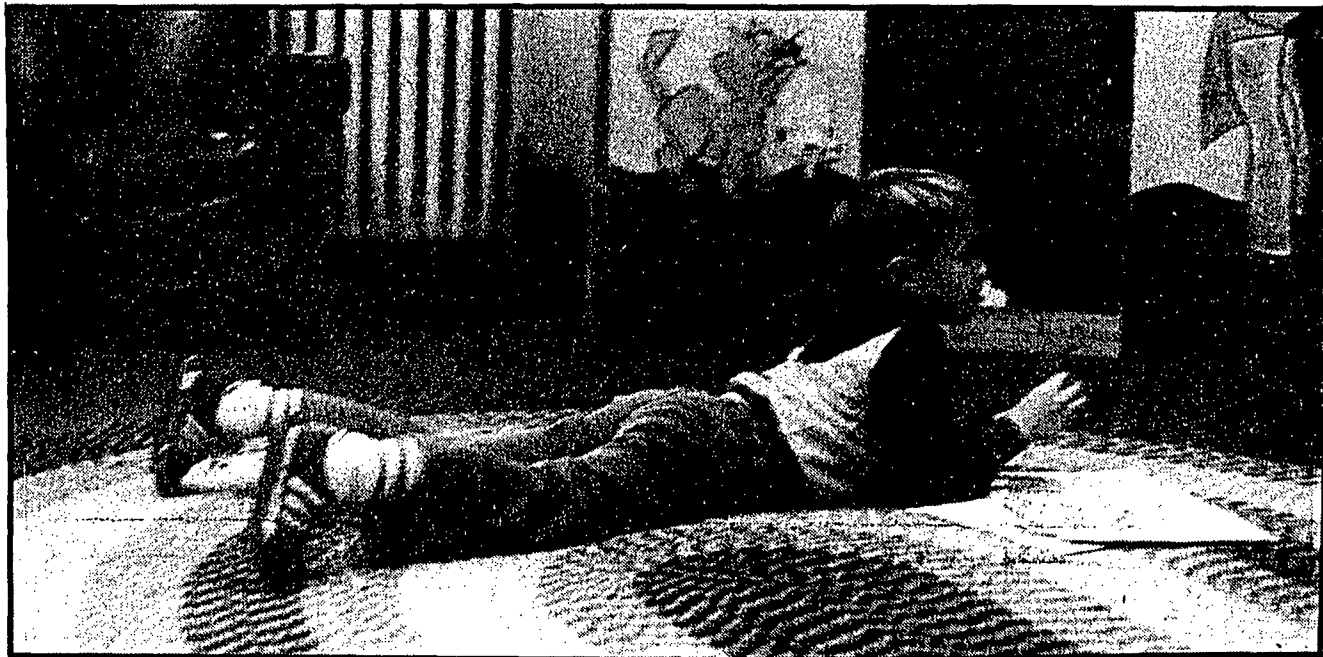
'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' to run Nov. 15-17



Maggie, played by Susan Kavanaugh, discusses her husband's alcoholism with Gooper, played by Kevin Cordray. While Big Mama and Mae, Mary K. McDermott and Dussie Mackey, look on.

First graders sound off

'When I'm 50 I'll get out of college'



First grader Richie Smith listens to his teacher, JoAnn Marion. Smith, like all Horace Mann students, gets a first-hand view of college life everyday due to the unique location of the elementary school.

THE STROLLER

Awakening to another tequila sunrise on a pleasant valley Sunday, your Stroller found it had been a hard day's night.

Rolling with the changes and out of bed, I put my jeans on. I knew it was time to fly, since it was already afternoon delight.

I stumbled to the phone and got tangled in the telephone line. But, I knew I'd keep pushin' and dialed operator.

"Could I talk to my Sharona?" I asked.

"Excuse me!" she yelled, "But I'll have to put you on hold."

"You just keep me hangin' on," I screamed back and hung up.

Next I thought it might be fun to spend a day at the races, so I went looking for a little queenie.

I got in my speedwagon, but unfortunately I found I was all revved up and no place to go. Since I was running on empty, I wanted to take off like a bat out of hell, but I was forced to walk the long and winding road to the service station.

Finding one was not as hard as I anticipated, and I'd been searching so long and finally had to surrender to a mechanic named Rhonda.

"Help me, Rhonda," I cried, "don't let me down."

"Walk this way," she said.

After a long journey over rolling stones and slyx, we had to rush through the cars. Yes, we even passed some foreigners from Kansas, Boston, Chicago and Missouri, eating meatloaf that really tore at my heart. I heard one of them say, "Shoot the arrow, Smith." Then we flew under the morning star like eagles heading East.

"Looks like we made it," I said as we reached the speedwagon.

"Guess we're ready to take a chance again," she said as she started the engine.

As it started, I screamed, "It's a miracle."

Wow! She's really more than a woman.

"Good-bye, stranger," she said as she started to leave.

"Why can't we be friends?" I pleaded.

"Maybe one of these nights we could have a rock 'n roll fantasy."

"But you're the one that I want. I'm hopelessly devoted to you," I said.

"You're just fooling yourself," she said. "Take the long way home and don't look back."

"But I never can say good-bye," I replied.

"Oh, but you'll carry on, my wayward son," she said. "After all, we're only dust in the wind."

As she left me just as I needed her most I thought what she'd meant to me. She'd fixed my car, came into my life, but she just would not stay.

Oh well, two out of three ain't bad.

Steppin' Out

By Janice Corder
Entertainment Editor

Perhaps to spite a cold, dreary week, campus activity gives students a wide variety of things to do this weekend.

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opens at 8 p.m. Nov. 15 at Charles Johnson Theater and runs until Nov. 17. The play is an American drama and is the second presentation of the year by the drama department.

Millikan Hall will again sponsor a dance-a-thon to help fight muscular dystrophy. The marathon begins at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 and ends 26 hours later at 8 p.m. Nov. 17. Even if you don't have the stamina to dance for 26 hours, there is more to do at Lamkin Gym besides watch the dancers sweat it out. Kitty's Clothes Closet and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority will present a fashion show and

Phi Mu and Alpha Sigma Alpha sororities are sponsoring a kissing booth.

Martial Arts will be demonstrating their skills at 8:50 p.m. Nov. 16 during the dance-a-thon and ROTC will present a rappelling demonstration. There will also be a tug-o-war between Phillips and Dieterich, arm wrestling competition, wheelchair races, a hula hoop and limbo contest.

During the dance-a-thon IRC will host a casino night from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 16. There will be about 40-45 tables with Las Vegas games such as blackjack, roulette and crap tables. One dollar will buy gamblers \$500 of play money and a raffle ticket for a color TV. At the end of the night, the play money can be used to buy other prizes in an auction.

If campus activities don't interest you A Force of One will start at 8 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Missouri Theater. Chuck Norris stars as a karate expert out for revenge against the death of his son. This action film also stars Jennifer O'Neil, James Whitmore Jr. and Ron O'Neal.

Admission is \$2.25 and A Force of One is rated PG.

Double Muguffin begins at 8 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Tivoli Theater. This comedy is also billed as a murder-mystery and stars Ernest Borgnine and George Kennedy.

Double Muguffin is also rated PG and admission is \$2.50.

Two campus concerts will be presented this week. Tower Choir will perform at 3 p.m. Nov. 18 and there will be a Senior Recital at 8 p.m. Nov. 19. Both performances will be in Charles Johnson Theater.

Union Board will present Winterhawk at 7 p.m. Nov. 15-16 at Horace Mann Auditorium. Winterhawk is the actual story of a Blackfoot Indian in Canada in the 1840's who must find a remedy for a smallpox epidemic within his tribe.

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'Cats lose last game, end season 6-5

By Kevin Vall
Staff Writer

Despite a furious second half comeback the Bearcats were unable to overcome a twenty point deficit as they fell 20-14 to the SEMSU Indians Saturday at Cape Girardeau.

The first half was a disaster for the 'Cats as the SEMSU offense moved the ball at will, while their defense stymied the 'Cats' attack. The Indians rolled for 20 points with the aid of a Roland Johnson touchdown pass to Scott Mosley, a 50-yard touchdown scamper by Ernest Edwards and two Ed Holtz field goals.

The 'Cats regrouped at halftime and came out fighting in the style that made them this year's MIAA champions. Shutting off the Indian attack, the 'Cats proceeded to whittle away at the SEMSU lead.

Adrian Johnson got the 'Cats their first score as he hauled in an 18 yard touchdown pass from Mark Smith. For the senior Smith, it was his eighth and last touchdown pass of his Bearcat career.

Donald Lott narrowed the gap further as he capped a 74-yard drive with a two yard run. Trailing by six with six minutes to go in the game, the 'Cats began another drive but were foiled as the Indian's Mike Hargens came up with an interception, ending the Bearcats' dreams of going undefeated in conference play.

"Subconsciously it was difficult to

Seniors go out in style

Gone but not forgotten

By Kevin Vall
Staff Writer

Last Saturday's football game marked the end of what was an impossible dream year and also the collegiate careers for 10 Bearcat players. For these players NWMSU football is now just a memory--however a pleasant one.

"I'll miss the competition and comradery that we had throughout the years," said Lance Corbin. "This year was just fantastic."

Wayne Allen, who played a part in so many Bearcat games, was glad it came to an end with a championship. "I'm glad it ended with a championship," he said. "It was a season to forget and a season to remember," Allen said in reference to the last two years.

For Larry Schleicher, the losing streak is what is best remembered.

"The way the team stuck together during the losing streak just amazed me. The highpoint of this year was destroying Southwest. I'm mad we didn't score more points."

As for his dismissal of football, Schleicher believes it will be hard to give up.

prepare for the game," said Jim Redd, head coach. "The long road trip and the fact that we had already won the championship affected the players. I'm not taking anything away from SEMSU though because they have a darned good football team. They felt like it was a championship game for them because

if they hadn't forfeited to CMSU for using an ineligible player, a victory would have tied them for the conference championship."

Another factor Redd saw contributing to the loss was the cold and muddy playing conditions.

"The game was played in the mud which slowed down our offense," said Redd. "Southeast is a one-on-one team and this benefited them."

As for the 'Cats' second half turn-around, Redd credits it to some defensive adjustments and team character.

"We made some defensive adjustments to stop their reverse option which we were able to contain the second half," he said.

"The team showed strong character to come back the way they did."

As for the outcome of the year Redd is pleased.

"I'm very pleased for everyone in our program, coaches, trainers and especially the seniors," said Redd. "Our goals next year are to repeat as MIAA champions. Hopefully we'll get into post season play," he said.

From rags to riches ...

A 'new breed of 'Cat' is born

By Cheryl Krell
Sports Editor

From an 0-11 season to conference champions.

Has it been a Cinderella story for the Bearcat football team?

Not hardly. "It's been a long, hard process," said Jim Redd, head coach. "This season has been a culmination of a lot of hard work by everyone--the team, coaches and community support from 12 months ago to two years prior."

After a losing season last year, the coaches, along with President B.D. Owens, Dr. John Mees and Richard Flanagan, athletic director, met in conference. A statement of what needed to be done was drawn up. It included all goals, objectives and changes which they were going to need to make.

"We knew we had played decently in the last three games of the '78 season against Rolla, Lincoln, and Southeast. We played better than we had before and showed some improvement," said Redd. "We saw our offense and defense begin to jell. We just needed to plan what we were going to do."

Through this meeting the coaches, along with everyone else, were able to

analyze the situation that the 'Cats were in following the 0-11 season.

"I believe that this meeting was one of the biggest aids for me," said Redd. "It helped a lot to have these goals written down. We analyzed--and I believe correctly--the strategic changes which could be made as well as areas that needed to be straightened. It was a matter of being perceptive enough to know what needed to be done. We knew why we had lost games..."

The Bearcat squad was then challenged at the end of the 1978 season. An expanded winter program was begun with strong emphasis being put on weight lifting and agility drills.

"The formation of the team began during the winter months," said Redd. "We had several guys leave the team. But some chose to accept the challenge and made the commitment to stay. We had 42 returners from the '79 team."

The next occurrence which aided in the Bearcat change was expanded recruiting efforts. In the past, Northwest's small recruiting staff of one or two people had to compete with other school's staffs of six or seven. This year the recruiting effort was aided by the addition of more people to the staff.

"This was another big factor," said Redd. "We were able to expand our efforts and get a higher quality of recruiting going. We were comparable to the other staffs that we were competing against."

Hard workouts were then continued, right through the players' summers.

"They obviously followed the workout schedules we gave them," said Redd.

Also over the summer the coaches met again and implemented some small changes in the defensive and offensive strategies.

"Basically we just simplified and refined," said Redd. "We added a hit and read type defense to our base defense. We still used the slant but we just simplified," said Redd.

Offensively the 'Cats used a more multiple approach also. They added the use of an I formation along with the veer type offense.

The coaches were also involved in several study clinics, traveling to Drake University to talk to other coaches about the Bearcat situation.

"All of this really helped this year's team," Redd said. "There were really no secret plays. We just refined and

simplified everything. Many coaches from other schools said, 'You just went back to the basics.' And that's really what we did."

Redd also credits the seniors on the team with providing "internal leadership" for the other players.

"All of this just began to come forth. Our championship was the result of many things. It was a result of total team effort. We had great support from Flanagan, Dr. Mees and President Owens as well as from the Booster group and the community," said Redd.

Although the 'Cat goal at the beginning of the season was to have a winning year, Redd admits that he never expected to gain the title of conference champs.

"I expected to accomplish our goal and have a winning season, but to be realistic--no, I never expected this. I mean it's an unbelievable story...from 0-11 to conference champs. It's just our reward for perseverance and a lot of hard work."

The lack of serious injuries this year as compared to last year also made a big difference, according to Redd: From nine crippling injuries last season to only three during this one was a big change. Redd credited this to the change in weightlifting and running.

"The players lifted weights twice a

week and ran two days a week. Only running two days, instead of four like last year on this hard ground, cut down on the number of shin splints. We worked very hard this year," he said. "I'd say that we were conditioned in '78 but we were highly conditioned in '79."

Although Redd admits the Bearcats did have an occasional break in a couple of games, he also believes they had certain obstacles which they were able to overcome.

"This is the first time that I can remember that we have won the championship while have to make the three long road trips to Rolla, Springfield and Cape Girardeau. Some said we'd never be able to do it because of that--and we beat that odd. It was no fluke," said Redd.

According to Redd, it would be impossible to pinpoint any one reason for the 'Cat turn-around. It was a complete culmination of efforts by everyone involved. But a bigger recruiting staff, refinement and simplification of strategies, less injuries and just plain old hard work by the team all contributed to the success.

"We never doubted our abilities--never looked at ourselves as losers," said Redd. "We are going to have to continue to develop and refine our program because we can't just sit still. One of the hardest things to do is to repeat a championship."

Wrestling team to open season Dec. 1

By Jim Offner
Staff Writer

The Bearcat wrestlers are preparing for what Coach Gary Collins calls a "tough" schedule, which begins at Graceland Dec. 1.

This year's team will be a competitive one in the eyes of Collins. "We have beefed up an already good team," he said. "We will be a strong contender in the MIAA this year."

According to Collins, the 'Cat wrestlers are a well-balanced team and should develop into a very competitive squad as a result of their schedule, which features some of the finest teams in the Midwest.

This year the 'Cats will tangle with the University of Nebraska, Colorado State, Northern Illinois and Central Oklahoma, who are the defending champions of the NAIA. The 'Cats will also meet Nebraska-Omaha in Northwest's home opener Dec. 4.

Collins hold a great deal of respect for the UNO team.

"They've been one of the top teams in the Division II tournament each

year," he said. But just the same, the coach believes that his team can meet the challenge that awaits them.

"We're still a young team," said Collins. "But you need that tough kind of competition in order to develop."

Indeed the team is young. There are only two seniors on the team. Bob Glenn is coming off an injury last season to wrestle at either 118 or 126 lbs., according to Collins. Lee Schechinger, who finished second in the conference last year, will also be back at 167 lbs. Collins rates him as "one of our best wrestlers."

Another second place finisher in his weight class last year is Kirk Strand at 118 lbs. At 126 is Brad Bales, a freshman who is "showing a lot of promise," said the coach. Wrestling at 134 lbs. are Joel Beebe and Brian Peterson. Beebe, a freshman, was a runner-up in the Nebraska state tournament last year.

At 142 lbs. are returning conference champion Terry Lenox, freshman Bob Glasgow, sophomore Kelly Burns and freshman Brian Anderson. Glasgow was a runner-up in the Missouri state

tournament, while Anderson was a state qualifier in Iowa. At 150 lbs. are Greg Brooks, who last season took fourth in the conference at 134 lbs., and junior transfer Mike Bradley.

Coming off a season-long injury last year is Richard Bright. Bright will wrestle at 158 lbs.

Another wrestler Collins believes will be a "strong contender" is junior Dave Robinson, who has limited varsity experience on the mat.

Joe Farrell, 190 lbs., who was "outstanding" on the team at the heavyweight position last year will also return. Sophomore Scott Lane, who finished third in the conference last season, will also be back.

The heavyweight division will also feature junior Jim Shemwell and Chris Johnson.

Wrestling fans will be able to get their first look at the 'Cats this season 7:00 p.m., Nov. 15 in Lamkin Gym, when the team has an inter-squad wrestle off to determine individual rankings on the team.

Harriers place 20th at nationals

The NWMSU Bearcat cross country team place 20th in a field of 22 schools in the 22nd running of the NCAA Division II cross country championship held this weekend at Riverside, Calif.

The top finisher for the 'Cats was senior Dave Montgomery, who captured 39th place with a time of 31:17 over the 10,000-meter course. Following Montgomery were Bob Kelchner, placing 102nd with a time of 32:37; Steve Klatte, 109th with 32:48; Dave Sleep, 111th with 32:52; Brian Murley,

113th with 32:55; Chris Ross, 152nd with 33:20; and Steve Sprague, 168th with 34:16.

Coach Richard Alsop said his runners held back too long in the early part of the race because of the heat. But they all had excellent races over the last four miles.

Cal-Poly-San Luis Obispo finished first, successfully defending their 1978 championship. Cal-Poly's top runner was James Schankel, who took individual honors for the second year.

Men's basketball returns experienced players

By Dwayne McClellan
Staff Writer

The 1979-80 men's basketball team will have plenty of experience as five senior lettermen and two sophomore letterwinners are back from last year's 15-11 season.

Seniors Russ Miller, Mark Adams, Kevin Levetzow, Lamont Lofton and Mel Tyler along with Mark Yager and Crale Bauer will make up the nucleus of this year's Bearcat team, said first year head coach Dr. Lionel Sinn.

Miller, a 6'10" center, is a third year starter for the 'Cats. Last year Miller was the team's leading scorer as he

averaged 14.5 points in 26 games. Miller was also the leading rebounder with an average of 8.5 rebounds a game.

Mark Adams, a 6'6 1/2" senior forward, averaged 7.5 points a game for the '78-'79 'Cats and should be a vital part of the 'Cats team. Levetzow, another 6'6 1/2" forward, scored an average of 4.8 points a game last year.

Lofton, a 6'2" guard, and Tyler, a 5'11" guard, who averaged 7.5 points a game are the other two seniors that will add value to Sinn's team.

Sinn, who is in his first year at the 'Cat helm after coming from Bethel College

in Tennessee, can't compare his team with any other team, as he has not seen the conference teams play yet.

Even though he has not seen 'Cat opponents, Sinn thinks his team will be competitive.

"I think that we will be a ballclub that tries to work hard and play consistently. We need to take each game at hand and match our potential each night out," said Sinn.

This year's 'Cat team will be a passing club as they will be passing the ball around on offense and not have any set patterns.

As for the defense, Sinn plans to

employ a man-to-man defense. This defense will be a type of team defense with aggressiveness on the ball side.

Sinn believes that there are several strengths in the Bearcat team.

"Experience, attitudes, the offensive potential and the ability to work together seem to be the strong points of our team," Sinn said.

This year's 'Cat team was picked for a fourth place finish in the MIAA conference. Sinn has mixed emotions about the fourth place rating.

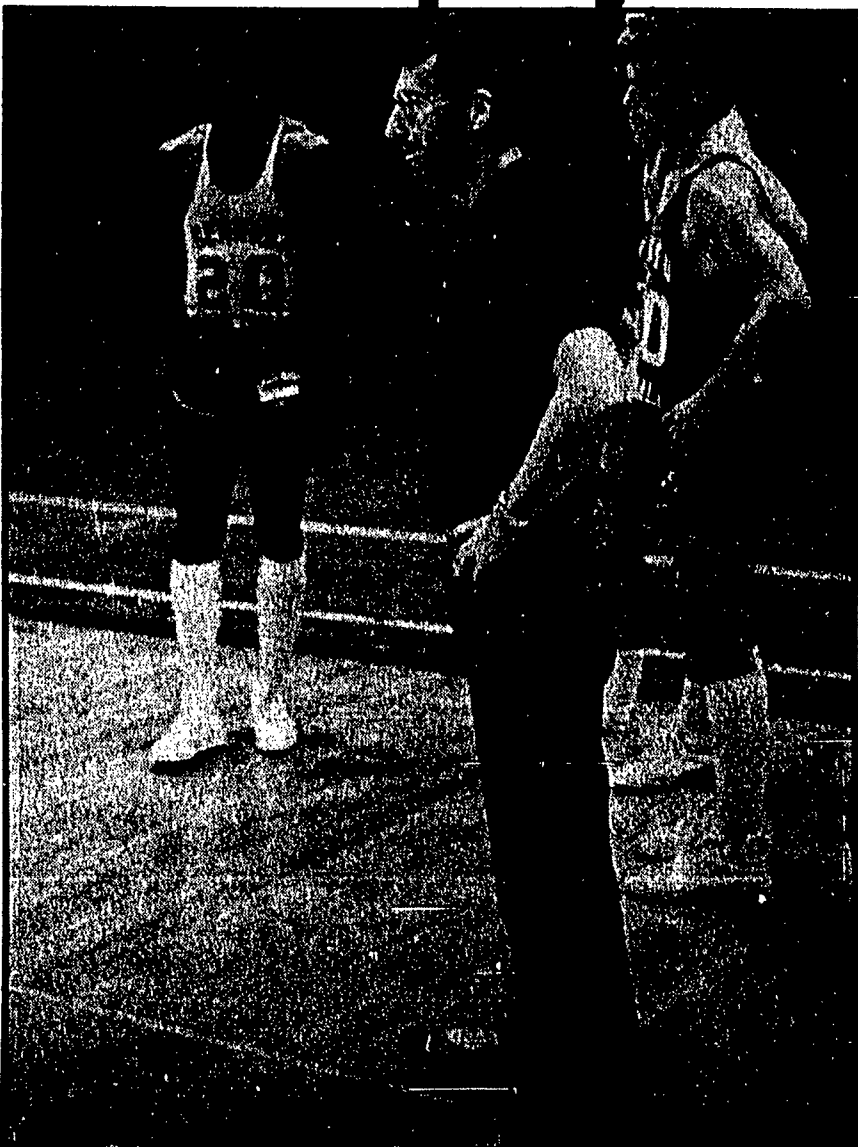
"It's hard to be content with being fourth in anything and we will work hard to do something about it."

Nodaway (Ravenwood) and they won the state championship every year that she was a starter," Winstead said.

The 'Kittens will be hoping to improve their 16-11 record of a year ago, but have a tough schedule ahead of them.

"We have perhaps the toughest schedule I've seen," said Winstead. "I've seen a lot of major college schedules and they're not as tough as ours will be."

The tough schedule includes schools such as SIU, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa State, Iowa University and the University of Central Florida. Winstead also believes Central Missouri will have a very good team,



First year head coach Lionel Sinn watches over a Bearcat basketball practice.

'Kittens open program with Turkey Tourney

By Randy Poe
Staff Writer

The NWMSU Bearkitten basketball squad will tip off their 1979-80 season when they travel to Springfield, Mo., to play in the Turkey Tournament Nov. 23-25.

Eight returning letter winners will form the nucleus of the 'Kitten team, along with some freshmen. Julie Chadwick, Jodi Giles, Valerie Huse, Teresa Gumm, Patty Painter, Cheryl Nowack, Marlene Walter and Karen Eager are the letterwomen from last year.

"There's not a senior on the team, but many of our players have had a lot of experience," said Wayne Winstead, first year head coach.

Winstead's previous coaching exper-

ience was in the high schools, but he feels that there is little difference between high school and college coaching.

"The main difference is the talent. You have more capabilities than you would have in high school and you can do more things as a coach," Winstead said.

The 'Kittens drew Southern Illinois University for their first round opponent in the Turkey Tournament. Last year the Bearkittens edged SIU by only one point. Other teams entered in the tournament are Pittsburg State, Southwest Missouri State, Oklahoma University, Wichita State and the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

The 'Kittens play SIU at 7:00 p.m. Nov. 23 and will play the winner of the

SMSU-Pittsburg game if they are victorious. If not, they will play the loser of that game. The championship game is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Nov. 25.

Winstead said all of the letter winners will see action, along with newcomer Terry Graham.

"Terry had mononucleosis last year and was unable to play. This year she had an operation on her knee, but I expect her to play a lot," said Winstead.

Freshmen Tracy Hayes, Karen Schmidt and Mary Wiebke are also expected to see a lot of action for the 'Kittens this year.

"Karen has had an opportunity that I don't think anyone has ever had. She started four years at Northeast